

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5985

INFO USNAVFAC ANTIGUA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 2272

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PARM, AC, SF

SUBJ: SPACE RESEARCH CORPORATION

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1931

1. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JULY 28 WHICH  
AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED FROM LESTER B. BIRD, DEPUTY PREMIER,  
ANTIGUA.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS SUMMARY OF INVESTI-  
GATION'S RESULTS TO DATE. WE ALSO REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO  
WHAT WE CAN CONVEY TO ANTIGUAN GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
LETTER. WE EXPECT INCREASING PRESSURE FROM ANTIGUAN  
GOVERNMENT FOR DETAILS SINCE IT IS NOW WIDELY RUMORED  
THAT USG OR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT UNCOVERED EVIDENCE OF  
IRREGULARITIES BY SRC.

3. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY, IT  
HAS BEEN SEVERAL WEEKS SINCE A CUSTOMS OFFICIAL OF THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION IN  
ANTIGUA AT THE FACILITIES OF SPACE RESEARCH  
CORPORATION.

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THE INVESTIGATION, AS YOU ARE AWARE, WAS CONDUCTED  
AT THE REQUEST OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE AGREE-  
MENT OF MINE. OUR GOVERNMENT SHARES YOUR GOVERNMENT'S  
INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WE  
HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM YOUR OFFICE ON  
THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION. WE RECOGNIZE THAT

THE PROCESS MAY BE LENGTHY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE  
GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INDICATE TO WASHINGTON  
OUR DESIRE TO RECEIVE EITHER THE RESULTS OF THE IN-  
VESTIGATION OR AN INTERIM REPORT.

WITH BEST REGARDS, YOURS FAITHFULLY, LESTER B. BIRD,  
DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
& TOURISM. UNQUOTE.  
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